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## January 1 Cattle Inventory Down Slightly

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**Iowa:** All cattle and calves in Iowa as of January 1, 2008 totaled 4.0 million head, 1 percent above the 3.95 million head on January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 1.02 million head, were 5.1 percent below last year. Milk cows, at 215,000 head, were 2.4 percent above last year.

Overall heifer numbers were unchanged from last year at 960,000 head. Heifers for beef cow replacement were down 9.4 percent to 145,000 head; heifers for milk cow replacement at 115,000 head were down 4.2 percent from the previous year; and all other heifers were up 2.9 percent to 700,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 6.9 percent from last year at 1,240,000 million head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over were unchanged from a year ago at 70,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds on January 1 totaled 500,000 head in 2008, up 4.2 percent from last year's 480,000 head.

The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 1.12 million head, down 1.8 percent from the 1.14 million head born in 2006. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2008 was 860,000 head, down 1.4 percent from one year ago.

**United States:** All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2008, totaled 96.7 million head, slightly below the 97.0 million on January 1, 2007. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 41.8 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.0 million on January 1, 2007. Beef cows, at 32.6 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2007.

Milk cows, at 9.22 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2007. Other class estimates on January 1, 2008, and the change from January 1, 2007, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 20.0 million, down slightly. Beef replacement heifers, 5.67 million, down 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.46 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 9.88 million, down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 17.3 million, up slightly. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.21 million, down slightly. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, down 1 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.3 million, up slightly. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 28.2 million, down slightly.

The 2007 calf crop was estimated at 37.4 million head, down slightly from 2006. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.2 million, down 1 percent from 2006.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop, Iowa and United States, January 1, 2007-2008**

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	3,950	4,000	101	97,003	96,669	100
Cows and Heifers That Have Calved	1,280	1,230	96	42,023	41,777	99
Beef Cows	1,070	1,015	95	32,891	32,553	99
Milk Cows	210	215	102	9,132	9,224	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	960	960	100	20,086	20,003	100
For Beef Cow Replacement	160	145	91	5,877	5,670	96
For Milk Cow Replacement	120	115	96	4,310	4,457	103
Other Heifers	680	700	103	9,899	9,876	100
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	1,160	1,240	107	17,222	17,305	100
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	70	70	100	2,215	2,207	100
Calves Under 500 Pounds	480	500	104	15,456	15,378	99
Cattle on Feed <sup>1</sup>	872	860	99	14,269	14,317	100
	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006	2006	2007	2007 as % of 2006
Calf Crop	1,140	1,120	98	37,519	37,361	100

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

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